(e) the year in which the above rate was fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that it has awarded the work for construction of 9000 Lower Income Group (LIG) flats on Turn Key Basis to the pre-qualified construction agencies. These works have been awarded @ Rs. 7,190/- (Rs. Seven thousand one hundred and ninety) per sqm. of the plinth area of dwelling unit in the year 2002. The average cost of construction of LIG flats during last year was Rs. 5,400/- (Rs. Five thousand four hundred) per sqm. of the plinth area. The earlier cost, however, did not include certain items, which have been included in the projects awarded on Turn Key Basis and for which no extra payment is to be made. These are:

(i) construction of the boundary wall around the housing pocket, a community hall, security hut, shopping centre;

(ii) the preparation of architectural and structural designs, design of services and getting them approved from the Civic Agencies like MCD, DJB and DVB, maintenance of houses and services for a period of three years;

(iii) the filling of one metre depth, dual piping system for water supply, rain water harvesting, construction of electric sub-station and providing/laying High Tension and Low Tension lines and transfer of the services to the respective Civic Agencies.

Assistance to Kerala under NSDP

1231. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance sanctioned to Kerala during the current year under National Slums Development Programme;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala achieved the targeted progress to upgrade the slum-dwellers by making use of the Central assistance;

(c) whether Government would consider to extend the Central assistance under NSDP to Kerala as 100 per cent grant;

(d) the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) whether Government would consider to expedite the NSDP assistance since the release of funds at the fag end of financial year create much hardships to the State for the proper implementation of scheme; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Out of the allocated amount of Rs. 972.00 lakh, an amount of Rs. 958.31 lakh has been released to the State of Kerala during the current financial year so far under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP).

(b) Slum Development being a State subject, implementation of NSDP rests with the State Governments. As per the information received from the State Government of Kerala, the cumulative achievements under NSDP so far are given below:—

No. of towns covered	No. of slum pockets covered	No. of persons benefited
58	682	54,591

(c) and (d) The funding pattern of the programme is 70% loan and 30% grant for non-special category States and 10% loan and 90% grant for special category States. There is no proposal to convert the NSDP into 100% grant component.

(e) and (f) The position for release of funds under the programme is reviewed on quarterly basis and the funds are released to those States who fulfil the performance criteria as prescribed under the financial rules/regulations issued from time to time and the guidelines of NSDP.